

November 13, 2015

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

Councilmember Aldama wants to hear from you regarding Light Rail / Bus Rapid Transit. Please contact him by emailing jaldama@glendaleaz.com or schedule a meeting by calling 623-930-2249.

TransitValley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project? As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Glendale City Council Celebrates Freedom Award

The City of Glendale was one of fifteen employers chosen out of 3000 awarded with the prestigious Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the nation's highest honor given to employers for their exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees and distinguishes the City of Glendale as an outstanding employer.

<https://youtu.be/jY1HC-z7DKQ>



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**Ocotillo District
Amenities**

Recycle Your Cell Phone For A Good Cause In Glendale This November. Donations Benefit Those Affected by Domestic Violence.

Have an old phone just lying around? Donate it during the month of **November** in Glendale and your donation will benefit victims of domestic violence. In celebration of America Recycles Day on Nov. 1, the City of Glendale will again hold its annual cell phone recycling program with collection points at the following locations:

Gila River Arena, 9400 W. Maryland Ave. (northwest corner Gate 3)
 Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., Office A-57 (northwest corner of the administration building)
 Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., suite 140
 Glendale's three public libraries:
 Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Rd.
 Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
 Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

All phones collected will be refurbished and available for victims of stalking and domestic violence through the Glendale Family Advocacy Center (GFAC). The goal of the GFAC is to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to crime victims in a safe, comfortable and convenient setting. The one-stop center is a partnership between the Glendale Police Department, A New Leaf, Department of Child Safety, Scottsdale Health Care, Phoenix Children's Hospital and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and includes facilities for forensic interviews, medical examinations, counseling and collaboration between law enforcement and victim services personnel. It is designed specifically for those affected by violence, child abuse and sex-related crimes. The center is available for use by crime victims and law enforcement agencies throughout the West Valley. America Recycles Day is the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the US. For more information on America Recycles Day, visit their website. For more information on Glendale's recycling program, visit the city's website.

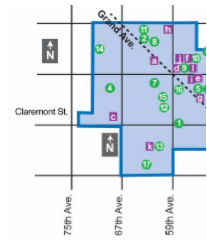
<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/recycling/>

City of Glendale November Holiday Notices

City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: **Wednesday, Nov. 11** for Veterans Day, and **Thursday, Nov. 26**, and **Friday, Nov. 27** in observance of Thanksgiving.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day later due to the holidays. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, but open on **Friday, Nov. 27**. For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Valley Metro buses will run on a Sunday schedule on all of these holidays. The Gus Bus will also operate on a Sunday schedule **Nov. 11 and 26-27**, running from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gus 2 and 3 will not be running these three days. For Dial-a-Ride service for Veterans Day, reservations must be made in advance by noon on **Tuesday, Nov. 10**. Dial-a-Ride service for Thanksgiving weekend (**Nov. 26-30**) must also be made ahead of time - by noon on **Wednesday, Nov. 25**. Reservations can be made by calling



Safe Haven Project

Are you afraid to keep your baby?
Do you just want to give your baby a safe, and make baby gets a good start?

You have options. You can have the **Safe Haven** identifies places where mothers can safely give their babies without fear of prosecution. We have crisis resources available to assist with questions, options, resources, 24/7. 707-2229.

If your baby is under 72 hours old and you don't intend to raise the baby, you have options. Simply bring your baby to a Safe Haven location.

Any Hospital
Any Ambulance
Any Designated Agency
On-duty Fire Station
Any Designated Location

You must hand your baby to a person at above location. You may place baby in a Safe Haven drawer or

Glendale's Transit Division at 623-930-3500. There will be no Dial-a-Ride same-day service on **Nov. 11 or Nov. 26-27**. ADA service will be available on all three of these holidays, based on a Sunday fixed route schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during these holidays, the airport's administrative offices will be closed. In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be open on Veterans Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center will be closed **Thursday, Nov. 26 thru Sunday, Nov. 29** for the holiday and annual maintenance. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600. The Glendale Adult Center will be closed **Nov. 11 and Nov. 26-27** for the holidays. For additional information on all Parks & Recreation services and programs, call 623-930-2820. For more information on Glendale's programs and services, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

What is Glendale's Transportation Future? We Need Your Input!

Transportation is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, recreation, entertainment, and more! The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, which will lay out how the City's Transportation System will improve and change over the next 25 years: how vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, transit, and aviation will move, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made.

The more involvement and input we can get from residents, businesses, and visitors, the better the plan will be!

The City of Glendale is kicking off a public involvement campaign to gather resident feedback as part of the Transportation Master Plan update. We are seeking input on what residents believe should be the transportation Goals, Needs, Priorities, and Recommendations over the next 25 years. We will be attending events and directing people to an interactive website launching in early November to participate in short surveys and an interactive map tool that will help shape the plan. We will rely on email to let people know when we are attending events and to encourage them to visit the website and provide input.

Would you be willing to be on the project email list? Please contact Project Manager Patrick Sage (psage@glendaleaz.com) and staff will add you to the list and keep you informed of opportunities to participate!

Not In My Drain!

Pouring Fats, Oils and/or Grease (FOG) down your kitchen drain can cause sewer clogs that block the flow of wastewater from your home to the City's wastewater treatment plant. You can help prevent sewer blockages by:

- Pouring used grease into a disposable container, sealing the lid, and disposing in the trash can.

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For more information go to azsbh2.org



- Scraping food from dishes and cookware into the trash can prior to washing.
- Putting strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and disposing in the trash can.
- Watching the FOG prevention video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yB9x-vONBM>

Wipes Clog Pipes

Toilet paper is the only "paper" that should be flushed down the toilet as it will dissolve. Wipes will not dissolve quickly or at all, and could potentially cause sewer overflows into residential homes or city streets. Place the following items in the trash, not the toilet:

- Baby wipes/diapers
- Disinfecting/cleaning wipes
- Paper towels/napkins

Notice of Road Restrictions and Construction Activity: East Catlin Court Improvements, State Avenue, from 56th Ave to 57th Ave

Tri Com Corporation has been contracted by the City of Glendale to work on improvements along State Avenue from 56th Ave to 57th Ave. These improvements will consist of demolition, new sidewalks, ramps, curbing, along with new light fixtures and landscaping. There will be specific dates where your driveway may be impacted and a later notice will be sent to alert you of work in your specific area in front of your property. This notice will include dates and times of impact in your area. This project will impact the overall project area from **November 2nd, 2015 - December 18th, 2015**. If you have any questions, feel free to call Tri Com Corporation via the contact information provided below.

Tri Com Corporation (Contractor): Ian Carlson, 760-458-1107
ian@tricomcorp.com

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below
<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf>



Coming Up

A Celebration Of The Art Of Storytelling At Glendale Library

The Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St, is inviting tellers and audiences of all ages to Tellebration: Stories from the Heart of Arizona. This southwest-flavored celebration of the art of storytelling is being held **Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.** It is free and includes workshops, lectures and discussions. Featured presenters are:

- Megan Finnerty, a reporter for the Arizona Republic, who will share her secrets on creating the Arizona Storytelling Project, a popular monthly storytelling event.
- Dorothy Daniels Anderson, an author, actress and storyteller that ignites her audience with exciting, true stories depicting Arizona and the Southwest in its territorial and early statehood days.
- Tony Norris, a storyteller, folk singer and Cowboy historian of the Southwest. He combines healthy doses of humor and music, as he invites the adventurous spirit in each of us to leave the everyday world behind and journey into the Old West.

Envisioned as a means of building community, this event will give participants an opportunity to attend workshops featuring local storytellers. Workshops include "Finding the Song in Your Story," "Creating a Pourquoi Story," "Enhancing your Stories with Native American Flute," "using the Flow Chart Method for Creating Your Story," "Storytelling Games," and "Songs that Tell a Story."

In addition, children and the young at heart can enjoy stories all afternoon in the Dragon's Lair with storytellers Sandy Oglesby and Elly Reidy.

This inaugural event is being presented by the Glendale Public Libraries and West Side Storytellers and funded through the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information call 623-930-3573 or visit the library website at www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Downtown Glendale's Shopping Season Begins With Holiday Open House November 14

Let the gift-hunting begin! You just might check everyone off your list in downtown Glendale - including yourself! - at the 19th Annual Holiday Open House on **Nov. 14**. The shopping extravaganza runs from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** that day, featuring shops in Glendale's Old Towne and Catlin Court districts offering special deals to help shoppers find that one-of-a-kind holiday gift.

Shoppers will be dazzled by festive holiday decor, as storeowners will decorate their businesses with lights and decorations. Shoppers can enjoy artist demonstrations, complimentary refreshments and more. For the second year in a row, participants will be encouraged to make a holiday ornament ranging from \$1 to \$5 each that will be displayed on the community holiday tree in Catlin Court. Proceeds will benefit the Military Family Support Group. In addition, this event marks the conclusion of the



Treats For The Troops drive. Visitors can donate items, such as baby wipes, snacks and phone cards, for holiday-themed gift boxes that will be shipped to service men and women just in time for the holiday season. Get the full list of all suggested gift items online at www.visitglendale.com. Holiday messages from the heart can also be shared with military personnel through free greeting cards that will be available in the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

Attendees can also enjoy **Glendale's BEST Street Food Festival**, taking place in and around Murphy Park. This event will bring together more than 100 of the absolute BEST food entrepreneurs, renowned chefs and cooks together to serve up delicious food, all of which are competing for votes to determine who deserves to take home the trophy for producing the BEST Street Food in town. For more information about the event, visit BestStreetFoodFest.com.

Staff members at the Visitor Center will also provide event maps and event details. The first 100 visitors at the center will receive a free West Valley Info Pack. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

Trio Of Authors @ The Teague This November

Join us this November as three local novelists - inspired by their diverse experiences as a helicopter pilot, a genealogical researcher, and a veterinarian - visit the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N 58th Ave.

Anne Wilson, author of "Hover," will appear at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. Her career as a Naval Academy graduate and one of the first female Navy helicopter pilots is reflected in her story of the challenges faced by trailblazing Navy helicopter pilot Sara Denning. A decorated veteran, Wilson served nine years' active duty before settling down with her family in Fountain Hills, AZ. For more information, visit <http://anneawilson.com>.

Next up, mystery authors Donis Casey and Eileen Brady will make a joint appearance at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19**, courtesy of their publisher, Poisoned Pen Press. In "All Men Fear Me," the sixth mystery in Casey's Alafair Tucker series, the U.S. has finally entered the First World War. Alafair finds herself caught in the middle when her socialist brother, her German son-in-law, and her wildly patriotic son clash, while murders at the local brick company add to the tension. Winner of the Arizona Book Award and a third-generation farm girl from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Donis Casey now lives with her husband in Tempe. The Alafair Tucker mysteries were partly inspired by her genealogical research on her own family. For more information, visit <http://www.doniscasey.com>.

Like the protagonist of her Kate Turner, DVM series, Eileen Brady is a veterinarian. In "Unleashed," the second book in the series, Kate risks her own life and her friendship with police officer Luke Gianetti to prove a client's suicide was really murder. Winner of the 2013 Poisoned Pen Press Discover Mystery contest, Brady lives in Scottsdale, AZ. For more information, visit <http://www.eileenbradymysteries.com>.



Authors @ the Teague programs are free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Call 623-930-3440, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library for more information.

Phoenix Artists Guild Exhibit And Sale At Westgate

Deck the halls with local art! Don't miss this opportunity to browse and buy a one-of-a-kind gift during the Phoenix Artists Guild Fine Art Exhibition and Sale at Gallery Glendale at Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102. **Special gallery hours will be 3 to 9 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 27, with the exception of closures on Mondays. The gallery will also be closed for the holidays on Nov. 26 and Dec. 24-25.** Enjoy affordable, original artwork in various media by local professional artists. More than 80 works of art will be on exhibit and available for sale. No purchase is required, but you might find it hard to leave without taking home a bargain. To meet the minds behind the art, drop by the festive artist receptions on **Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, from 6-9 p.m.**, to enjoy light refreshments and the opportunity to chat with talented artists.

Phoenix Artists Guild (PAG) is an organization established more than three decades ago to encourage the appreciation of fine arts; to promote ethical principles and practices of original art; to promote educational programs in fine arts; and to promote camaraderie, cooperation and encouragement among artists at all skill levels. To learn more about PAG, visit www.phoenixartistsguild.com.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate, located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria, is made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. Admission to Gallery Glendale is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557, email Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale. For information about Westgate Entertainment District, visit www.westgateaz.com.

East Catlin Court Neighborhood Volunteer and Information Fair

You're invited to join Councilmember Aldama and Councilmember Turner for a co-sponsored event.

A special East Catlin Court Neighborhood Volunteer and Information Fair will be held on **Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Join us in helping to improve the neighborhood and learn about important city services and programs that are available to you. It will be a fun-filled morning with give-aways, information and opportunities for you to get involved. Refreshments will be provided. It will be located on 56th Ave between State and Northview. If you have any questions, please call Deanne Burt at 623-930-2813.

Glendale Police Seeking Enrollment For January 2016 Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy which begins on Wednesday, **January 6, 2016**. The application deadline of **November 30th**.



The Citizens Academy is a free program designed to offer participants the opportunity to learn, hands on, about many Glendale Police Operations, such as the use of Police Canines, Crime Scene Investigations and Tactical Operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the Glendale Police Department's Administration, Police Communications, and Community Oriented Policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and completed applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, November 30th, 2015**. The Citizen Police Academy is 12 weeks in length and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center and Glendale Police Main Station. There will also be one Saturday class.

Applications can be downloaded and the fingerprinting schedule can be viewed from the Glendale Police website at the following link:
<http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/involvement.cfm#CitizenPoliceAcademy>. For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd at 623-930-3282 or via email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

Downtown Glendale Sparkles, Shines, & Glitters As State's Largest Free Holiday Light Display Kicks Off November 27

What is more synonymous with the magic of holiday lights in the Valley of the Sun than Glendale Glitters? Glendale's award-winning holiday festival has become a family tradition across the Valley and state, and this year the 22nd annual celebration kicks off on **Friday, Nov. 27** and **Saturday, Nov. 28**, from 5-10 p.m. each evening.

The stunning display of 1.5 million LED lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Free admission and free shuttles make this beloved event family friendly.

Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, shopping and everyone's favorite person this time of year - Santa Claus. The always-entertaining stage show will feature special honored guests to help flip on the lights, in the countdown lighting ceremony on **Friday evening, Nov. 27** beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Opening weekend, free parking shuttles are provided from Glendale Community College (last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15). Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th Avenue and Vogel. In addition, street parking in and around the downtown is free, but event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

The festivities continue with more events in downtown Glendale, each Friday and Saturday through Dec. 19, from 6-10 p.m. each evening:

- **Dec. 4-5:** Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights
- **Dec. 11-12:** Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend
- **Dec. 18-19:** Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend



The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through **Jan. 9**, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events. Glendale Glitters is sponsored by APS, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, Cerreta Candy Company, Arizona Republic, ABC15 - KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, Glendale Community College, Eternal Waters and Camelback Ranch-Glendale. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona*

Ocotillo District Mobile Office Hours

Councilmember Aldama will be having his next Mobile Office Hours on **Monday, December 7th from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Location to be determined.** We encourage you to stop by and meet with Councilmember Aldama. No appointment is necessary.

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